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REMARKS

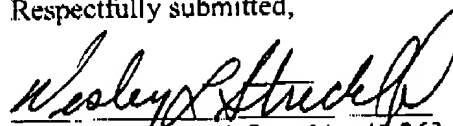
Claims 1-9 and 11-67 are active and pending in the present application, claim 10 having been cancelled in a previous response. Claims 1-9 and 12-67 have been allowed. Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for depending from a cancelled base claim.

In response, claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of claim 10. Additionally, the language of claim 11 has been changed to be consistent, for antecedent basis purposes, with that of claim 1. This amendment is intended to clarify the language of claim 11 and is not in response to any prior art, whether or not such art was the basis of a present or previous rejection. Even though the present Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment be entered in this case. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 11, under the second paragraph of 35 USC § 112 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance and passage of this case to issue is solicited.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due, however if any other fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 03-4060.

Respectfully submitted,


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